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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS TO
PATOLICHEV

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY KREPS WHICH
IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER PATOLICHEV. IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO
UPCOMING MARINE CARGO INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS, REQUEST
EMBASSY INFORMALLY CONVEY TEXT OF LETTER TO MEL'NIKOV OF
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT. IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN AT
THE MEETING OF THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IN
LOS ANGELES. I THINK THE COUNCIL MEETING DEMONSTRATED
CLEARLY THE INTEREST ON BOTH SIDES IN FUTHER EXPANDING
US-SOVIET TRADE AND OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES TO SUCH
EXPANSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN
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WHILE IN LOS ANGELES THAT DEPUTY MINISTER MANZHULO AND
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY REICH HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE
REGULAR MEETINGS ON BUSINESS FACILITATION. I BELIEVE
THESE MEETINGS CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE RESOLUTION
OF NUMEROUS PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN OUR TRADE.

IN ANOTHER AREA OF OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, I AM PLEASED

THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY ON THE QUESTION OF US PARTICIPATION IN WRITING MARINE INSURANCE ON CARGOES BEING SHIPPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HOPE THAT THESE TALKS WILL LEAD TO A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

ONCE AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. I HAD THE CHANCE TO GAIN SOME PRELIMINARY IMPRESSIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY FROM OUR TOUR OF THE COLORFUL AND IMPRESSIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY FROM OUR TOUR OF THE COLORFUL AND ORIGINAL USSR NATIONAL EXHIBITION IN LOS ANGELES. I AM CURRENTLY REVIEWING MY SCHEDULE IN CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE VISIT TO MOSCOW IN APRIL. I WILL WISH TO CONSULT YOU, ONCE MY OWN PLANS ARE MORE FIRM.

WITH BEST WISHES. JUANITA M. KREPS. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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